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Louis C. Byars
Superintendent
Rome City Schools
508 East Second Street
Rome, Georgia 30161

Dear Mr. Byars:

Thank you for asking for my recommendations on the upcoming 2020 Corky Kell Classic. I discussed this with Rome City Manager Sammy Rich a few months ago and expressed hope then that we might be able to proceed with this great community event.

However, I must recommend now that the event not be held as scheduled for August 21, 2020 at Barron Stadium. The reason, of course, is that Covid 19 is currently widespread not only in our community, Floyd County, but also in both Carroll and Polk counties, home to the three visiting teams.

Allowing players, coaches, cheerleaders, and others associated with the teams to congregate would create a high-risk event as would also allowing fans to gather in the stadium. Even if masks were worn and physical distancing was attempted, it would, in my opinion, put too many people at risk not only from our community but also from the other communities attending.

I wish I didn't have to make this recommendation, but as District Public Health Director, regrettably, I must.

Sincerely,

Gary Voccio MD, FCCP